What's On:

- School Photo Day Thurs 4th April
- Assembly Y6 Fri 5th April @ 9am
- Last Day Term1 Fri 12th April
- First Day Term 2 Mon 29th April
Thank you to everyone who attended the recent Bindoon Primary School Mango Festival and made the day an outstanding success. The event was bigger than ever before and the number of visitors we had into the school enjoying the stalls, food and fun was huge. A remarkable effort by our P&C organising committee for the extraordinary work they did over a considerable period of time to make the day something for everyone. A special thank you to Amy McAuliffe for her incredible hard work in leading the event, ably supported by a wonderful group of parents. It is the work of these special people who ensure our kids benefit directly. We can't thank our P&C enough for their work and ensuring the Mango Festival is now well renowned and attended by the wider community.

Mindfulness

We are very focused on ensuring school programs that we implement at our school are based on research that makes a difference for kids. An area we are adding to our positive support of our children is in the area of mental health and wellbeing. Mindfulness is proven to support children to be calmer, focused, relieve stress and improve physical health and sleep. We are focusing on breathing techniques and positive statements to support all our children. With teacher support, students will practice techniques during the day to ensure they manage and control levels of stress, emotion and concentration. The introduction of mindfulness techniques is a highly effective way in dealing with day to day emotions in healthy ways and one we should all find time to do.

NAPLAN 2019

Our Year 3 and 5 students will commence NAPLAN assessments next term from May 14-16. Our children complete the assessments online. Parents who wish to withdraw their child from the assessments are able to do so by discussing this with their child’s teacher; appropriate documentation will need to be completed. Our children will complete an online NAPLAN practice on 3 April to prepare them for the testing platform. NAPLAN is a snapshot of student performance and is used in conjunction with school based assessments to judge student progress and achievement.

Good Standing Policy

A new directive by the Department of Education is for all schools to have a Good Standing policy to support the management of student behaviour. We are currently working on this requirement, with the positive behaviour support committee developing guidelines to present to the school board for consultation and endorsement. A Good Standing policy is being established to provide the opportunity for all students to be acknowledged for the consistent demonstration of Bindoon Primary Schools Positive Behaviour Expectations of be respectful, be positive, be empathetic and be my best. Children who have Good Standing are eligible to participate in extra curricula activities such as excursions, camps, interschool sporting events, school discos or other class special events. Children who lose Good Standing may lose these privileges. We anticipate having our Good Standing policy implemented next term and disseminated to all parents for awareness and understanding.

Year 5/6 Camp

What an awesome time was had by our campers and staff. The activities provided were designed to take the kids out of their comfort zones, take safe risks and encourage team work and resilience. Most importantly the camp was about having fun, which they had plenty of! Thank you to Mrs Summers, Mrs Willock, Mrs Leete, Mr John Kay and Mr Shaun Kay as well as our school chaplain Mr Doug McGhee for their attendance on the camp. We had some very exhausted kids not to mention staff!

Brilliant at Being Resilient

Our children were treated to a fun and engaging performance that used stories, poetry, fractured fairy tales and illusions to explore the important values and skills of resilience and tolerance. Children learnt what it means to be resilient and why it is important to be resilient. There was a powerful message about bouncing back when life becomes difficult or we experience setbacks. Some of our kids got to join in the performance too.

Fridge Magnet

We have sent home not just another fridge magnet, but the best fridge magnet. The magnet promotes our schools’ positive behaviour expectations. We encourage parents/carers to use the magnet and language to help support our children to understand and demonstrate our community expectations of positive behaviour.

Glen Bewick
Principal
ANZAC SERVICE

On Friday the 12th of April we will be having an ANZAC assembly starting at 2:15pm. All are welcome to attend.

We will also require donations of flowers and greenery so wreaths can be made for each class. Donations can be dropped off at the office on the morning of the 12th.

Thank you

Science

This year has begun with students learning about EARTH and SPACE Sciences. The Year 1s are learning about changes in the environment through the weather, including the Noongar 6 seasons. Year 2 are learning the importance of our natural resources, especially water. Ask a year 2 to explain the water cycle.

Year 3 and 5 students are learning about space. While the year 3 students test theories about night and day the year 5s are learning about the planets of our solar system.

Researching planets

The Year 4 class are working in collaborative teams to study the properties of rocks and soil and how erosion can affect them.

Testing soil

Year 6 are having an explosive time finding out how and why Volcanoes erupt.

Watch this space for some volcanic eruption photos coming soon.

Cindy Bin Omar
Science Teacher

Bindoon Primary Sustainability Program Information Session

Bindoon Primary has recently won over $5000 in sustainability grants. Would you like to know how we are planning to spend it? Do you want to know more about why we have ‘Nude Lunch’ days? Are you interested in how your child is learning from our worm farm or recycle bins?

All of these questions, and more will be answered during the information session. We would like to also take this opportunity to reform our Sustainability committee to have the community input to these projects.

This year we have some major garden projects getting started as well as paper making workshops. No commitment required. Just come along to learn more.

Friday 5th April at 2pm in the Science Room

Cindy Bin Omar, Janet Scantlebury
Sustainability
Calling any parents interested in gardening.

Mr Kay, Mrs Scantlebury and Mrs Bin Omar have designed areas of our school that will be transformed. We are seeking parents – at least 2 from each class in year 1-4 to assist in establishing these areas. Come along and join the challenge!

If you are interested or want more information please let us know at school.

Calling parents to help establish ‘Food Scraps Friday’

We have worms, chickens and compost bins to feed and the school is not producing enough organic waste. You can help by bringing your organic waste from home to make compost. Making compost stops food from going in to land fill and it is great for the garden.

Collect your food scraps in a bucket and bring it to the school vege garden on Fridays between 8:30 and 9am. We will weigh it and put it in our compost bins.

COMPOST does not like citrus, meat or bread. Everything else is fabulous.

Voluntary Contributions and Charges

A reminder to pay your child/children’s voluntary contributions and charges. Please call into the office or alternatively make payment by EFT details: Bindoon Primary School BSB 633 000 Account 1334 37343 Bendigo Bank

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